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### **RE: Extension of Moratorium on Enforcement of Challenge Course Regulations**

Dear Challenge Course/ Permanent Rock Wall Owner,

Over the course of the past few months, the Department has received helpful feedback from many individuals and organizations involved with the challenge course industry. These discussions have been of great assistance to the Department during the on-going drafting process for the promulgation of regulations.

As a result of the discussions, the Department has determined that additional time is necessary to properly consider all of the suggestions and comments it has received concerning these proposed regulations. Therefore, please be advised that there will be an extension of the moratorium from September 1, 2006 until **January 1, 2007** for compliance with the regulations. The extension is being made to ensure that the most effective and safest regulations are implemented.

The Department will continue to reach out to representatives of the industry and will then post a revised draft of the regulations on its website, [www.mass.gov/dps](http://www.mass.gov/dps).

Please note that until the new regulations are in effect on or about January 1, 2007, climbing walls and challenge courses may continue to operate as they have been without a license or permit from the Department. If you have any questions, please contact Natalie Harmon, Amusement and Tramway Administrator at (617)-727-3200.

Sincerely,

Thomas G. Gatzunis, P.E.  
Commissioner